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Senate Okays End of Snoops On Govt. Aids

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Washington, Sept. 13 (News Bureau)—The Senate decided today, in effect, that the government doesn't have the right to pry into the private lives of its employees.

By a vote of 79 to 4, the senate passed a bill that would forbid lie detector tests, psychological examinations and personal questions in federal job interviews. The legislation was initiated by Sen. Sam Ervin (D-N. C.), who had 56 co-sponsors.

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Ervin's biggest—and only major—compromise on the original bill was a hotly debated clause added in committee which would allow the CIA and the National Security Agency to use psychological tests and lie detectors where the directors of the security organizations feel it is necessary.

"I confess that were I legislating alone," Ervin said, "I would rather see fewer compromises and exceptions than are now contained in the bill. I want to make clear my own convictions that for all of the policies and techniques restricted by this bill, there are valid alternatives."

On the Senate floor, there was strong opposition to the CIA clause from Sen. Ernest Gruening (D-Alaska) who thought it would give the CIA and the NSA too much power, and from Sens. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.) and John Stennis (D-Miss.) who thought it didn't give the two agencies enough power.

"Put too many restrictions on the CIA and you impair our national security," Stennis said.

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